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Tentative progress reportedly is being made in the negotiations between Solidarity and the regime, but a union spokesman cautioned against optimism until the talks are concluded.

[REDACTED] the two sides held seven hours of "tough" negotiations yesterday in an atmosphere that was described by a Solidarity spokesman as "businesslike and friendly." Neither side, however, was willing to discuss the details of the talks that apparently will be continued today.

The reports indicate that a compromise on the most sensitive issue, recognition by Solidarity in its charter of the leading role of the party, may have been worked out. A union representative said that the Supreme Court will make the final decision on this issue by 8 November, but the court presumably would follow any agreement made during these talks. The reports also suggest the regime may be prepared to give the new unions some additional access to the media.

The speed with which the regime moved to meet at least some of the workers' concerns indicates that, at a minimum, party leader Kania did not receive instructions in Moscow to stand firm on all issues.

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